



FOREVER PEOPLE™

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"From EARTH to FOREVER"

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GREEN ARROW #2:
Uncovering the new-top secret to Longbow Hunter! By Mike Grell, Ed Hongisto and Dick Giordano with a painted cover by Grell.

FOREVER PROFILE #2:
The dark has accomplished love and reality in our heroes "Return From Forever" in the work of yesterday. By J.M. DeMatteis, Paul Collins and Karl Kesel.

MILLIONAIRE #2:
Dense puppets from Red players London and Constantine plays them in their new game! By Jessie Dalton and John Ridgway with a painted cover by Dave McKean.

YOUNG ALL-STARS #10:
"Teen" Marvel leaves the startling truth about his father. By Ray and Diana Thomson, Brian Murphy and Michael Jones.

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #44:
Queller's origin is revealed as his "people" call him home. By Paul Levitz, Greg LaRocque and Miles DeCarlo.

SWAMP THING #70:
The quest for the new Swamp Thing begins—but who's about Alby? By Rick Veitch and Alfonso Alcalá.

INFINITE, INC. #46:
The seventh behind Nekton's origin revealed. By Ray and Diana Thomson, Tracy Reynolds and Troy Denning.

NEW FREN VIKINGS #4:
The Vikings are drawn into what seems to be a conspiracy of ghosts! By Jerry Wallace, Ed Brumley and Romeo Tanghal.

THE SHADOW #15:
A band of revenge-seeking revolutionaries want the Shadow and his operations destroyed! By Andrew Helfer and debuting regular new artist Kyle Baker.

BLACKHAWK #1:
MasterArtist Howard Chaykin presents his re-creation of the classic World War II era and his opinions. It's a whirlwind of excitement in this three-issue Prestige Format who-cares-as Blackhawk basic changes of Communist perspective.

THE GREATEST SUPERMAN STORIES EVER TOLD:
A 200-page hardcover collection spanning 80 years of the best Superman short-stories ever! The talent roster includes Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, John Byrne, Wayne Boring, Curt Swan, Jack Kirby, Alex Ross and many others!

SPECTRE #15:
A television station from Malibu, Zanzibar and even the French Riviera New York is now open! By Greg Rucka and Gary Morris.

QUESTION #14:
Reborn alive and resurrected by an alien, The Question from his greatest challenges. By Dennis O'Neil, Darwyn Cooke and Rick Magyar.

WASTELAND #4:
John Carpenter, Del Dore, Donald Simpson, William Messner-Loebs, George Romero and David Lloyd continue to weave tales of terror and the bizarre.

MEANWHILE...

B Y D I C K G I O R D A N O

"It's not a dream," I kept telling myself. "It's not a hoax. It's not an imaginary story. It's real."

I thought I'd been spending a few too many late nights at the office, and had dreamed this up. But, no, the people at Macy's had dreamed this up. In their Herald Square Arcade, they opened something they call the "Superman Shop." It's stocked in the rafters with all kinds of Superman paraphernalia: watches, pins, and especially those T-shirts. (I saw have one that proclaims that I'm "Faster than a Speeding Bullet." It refers in my case toinking, not driving.)

What would possess the folks at Macy's to construct a little slice of the Fortress of Solitude here in the Big Apple? They know what we know: that Superman's Fifteenth Birthday Celebration is in full swing, and it seems like everybody wants to join in! If you haven't seen Superman in the past few months on the tube, on the silver screen, in your local store, or even in Washington, D.C., well, maybe you haven't been looking.

When it comes to the test of time, Superman's passed it with, I guess you'd say, flying colors. Since that day in 1938 when the first issue of ACTION COMICS hit the stands, Superman's become an American institution. And a lot of other American institutions are taking the time to say "Happy Birthday" to the Man of Steel.

The Smithsonian Institution, for example. Their exhibit, "Superman: Many Lives, Many Worlds" began last June and will run through June '88. I got to see it on a V.I.P. tour, and I'm glad I did: their National Museum of American History expects to attract in the neighborhood of five million visitors a year. In addition, on October 31 and November 1, the Museum is giving a symposium entitled "The Superhero in America" with guest speakers such as National Public Radio's Susan Stramberg, author Penny Stallings, historian Barbara Tuchman, cartoonist and playwright Jules Feiffer, and (fanfare here) our own Jenette Kahn!

I mentioned the Macy's shop earlier, which in addition to other goodies, has racks and racks of DC Comics (that's got to be a first: DC Comics for sale in Macy's!), but don't think that New Yorkers are the only ones who'll get to see a shop dedicated to everybody's favorite hero. Macy's in Atlanta is planning to open similar shops in its stores very soon. And what's the Thanksgiving Day Parade without the Superman balloon? This current incarnation of the balloon is

actually the largest in the parade, and will be given a special birthday surprise over NBC!

Not to be outdone, mind you, FNO Schwarz, the world's most famous toy store, will be doing its own Superman promotion early next year. They never do anything in a small way, so look forward to hearing a lot more about it!

I wasn't kidding when I said you'd be seeing a lot of the Man of Steel on the tube. If you live in San Jose, you probably caught some (or all!) of the Superman Marathon KICU-TV Channel 36 broadcast no less than thirty hours of the vintage George Reeves Superman TV show, as a repeat of the record-breaking ratings success they had with last year's marathon.

WIOI-TV Channel 19 in Cleveland, plans a Superman Marathon of its own: twelve full hours of those classic TV adventures!

That's not even mentioning the prime-time special on CBS that's due soon. Guber Pictures and Broadway Video are working with Warner Brothers Television on a one-hour special. The producer is Lorne Michaels, the creator of Saturday Night Live.

Quite a lot of the festivities planned for Superman's Birthday center around Cleveland. Cleveland is, for all intents and purposes, the birthplace of Superman, since that's where Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster grew up, went to school and thought up only the world's first and greatest superhero. The early discussions of these plans have included a tickertape parade (do they still make tickertape?), an unveiling of a permanent statue of the Man of Steel by a nationally known artist, an ongoing exhibition and a major comics convention.

This isn't even scratching the surface. There's only so much I can mention in so short a space, and not all of our plans are firm as yet. But I'll tell you this. Keep February 29, 1988 open on your calendar. I know we've always kind of dodged around about Superman's birthday falling on the 29th of February, as a way of explaining how he manages to look so good after fifty years. This time, however, we're in earnest. That's all I'm going to say. That's all I'm allowed to say, or it would spoil the surprise.

And if you think I'd ruin a surprise party for the Big Guy, you haven't seen him when he gets angry...

Thank you, Big Guy! And good afternoon.

Dick

THERE'S SLEEP -- BUT NO REST. THERE ARE NIGHTMARES -- BUT NO DREAMS.



HE SHOULD BE LIGED TO IT BY NOW! HOW MANY YEARS HAS HE THRASHED AND WHIMPERED -- CLAWING THE SHEETS... BATHED IN SWEAT?

HE'S NEVER GONE FOR HELP. HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN PSYCHIATRISTS. "WHATEVER IT IS, I'LL HANDLE IT MYSELF," HE'S TOLD HIS WIFE AGAIN AND AGAIN.



OF COURSE THAT WAS BEFORE...

-- IT STARTED HANDLING HIM!



BUT TONIGHT THERE'S
SOMETHING NEW:
NOT JUST THE
SHADOW-THINGS,
CRAWLING OVER HIM.
NO, NOW, IN THE
DISTANCE, HE SEES
FIVE FIGURES...
FIGURES OF LIGHT
...FIGURES OF
HOPE.

THEN THE FIVE FIGURES FADE, TO BE
REPLACED BY A SIXTH. A WOMAN.

IS SHE SISTER? LOVER? FRIEND?
MOTHER? HE HAS GOT TO GET TO THE
TRUTH!



THEN THE SHADOW-THINGS RETURN...
SWEEP THE WOMAN AWAY, AND HIS
HEART BREAKS.

AND HE
SCREAMS:





It was black; hideously with eyes that saw all secrets, Barlowe sat in the chair studying it; wondering...

LONG AGO... FAR AWAY...
ONCE UPON A TIME...

...ON A MAGIC WORLD... IN A MAGIC
GLADE... FOUR MAGICAL BEINGS
LAY SLEEPING...

...DREAMING...

...OF A LIFE
THAT WAS
FOREVER...

...BUT ENDED
ALL THE SAME.

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CREATED BY JACK KIRBY

FROM EARTH
TO
FOREVER!



YOUR CARTRIDGES ARE
A JOKE, SERIFAN -- AND
THEY ALWAYS HAVE BEEN!
JUST LIKE YOU!!

BUT MARK MOONRIDER'S
IMAGINATION TODAY IS NO
JOKE! NO JOKE AT--

BER-ZZAKKKK!







VYKIN THE BLACK!

FOR A MOMENT HIS EYES ARE UNFOCUSED... INSTANT... NOT OF THIS PLACE OR TIME... NOT OF THIS PLANE OF EXISTENCE...

—BUT THEN A CLARITY... A HUMANITY... ASSERTS ITSELF... AND A SOFT, SWEET SMILE PLAYS ACROSS VYKIN'S LIPS.



but I'm afraid that
wasn't Highfather,
will...

HIGHFATHER?
THEN YOU'RE FROM
NEW GENESIS?

I'm from nowhere--
and everywhere from
here--and beyond
here, I am--

--MAYA--

--and here
come to take
you home.





I... I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

THE WAY SHE
LOOKED... THE WAY
SHE ACTED... ALL OF
THEM IT WAS LIKE
IT WAS BEFORE,
WHEN--

when you first
arrived here.

THEN THOSE
SHADOW-THINGS
THAT SWEEP OVER
FORSHIRTOWN?

rolled back time
stuff... all across
this world.

THEY DUG INTO MY MIND...
USED MY LONGING -- FOR
THE OL' PALS.

THE POWER OF US...
WE REMEMBER. WHAT'S
GONE DOWN ALL THESE
YEARS, BUT, OTHERWISE,
IT'S LIKE--

None of it
ever happened.

My son never
died.

I... DIED?

I DIED.

Big boss and
deadman never wed...
never conceived a
child.

and
myself wife--
--WAS NEVER
ENHANCED BY
VINKIN TECHNO-
PSYCHIC SURGERY!

MERRY...
STARLIGHT...
WENDY... MY
OWN CHILDREN...
--TRUMP
DIALED

THIS

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IN-

SANE!

KRAA
AAK







...WELL, I'M GLAD THAT'S OVER.

NOTHIN'S OVER.
IT'S A NIGHTMARE--
AND IT'S ALL JUST BEGINNIN'.

HEY-- I'M NOT SAYIN' THAT
EVERYTHING'S FINE AND DANDY...
BUT NOTHING CAN TAKE AWAY
WHAT WE'VE SHARED
TOGETHER...

...NOTHING CAN
STOP US FROM
STARTIN' OVER...

DREAMER...?

DREAMER!!





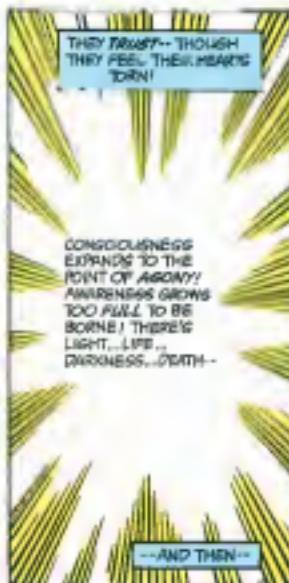




"WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US, MAMA?"
"I TOLD YOU, JAHNA..." "THEN WE ARE
GOING TO NEW GENESIS!" "NEW
GENESIS IS BEYOND OUR REACH...."
"THEN WHERE ARE YOU BRINGING US?"
"YOU'LL SEE."

"I DON'T UNDERSTAND..."
"WHAT IS IT, MAMA?" "WHY
COULDN'T WE JUST..." "REPEAT
THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS? TRANSFORM
THE NATURE ALL OVER AGAIN?" "YES! VIKAS
TECHNO-PSYCHIC SURGERY..."
"KILLED HIM, ONCE. WOULD
YOU HAVE HIM DIE AGAIN?"

"I KNOW IT'S HARD FOR YOU, MY
CHILDREN... BUT I HAVE TO ASK
YOU TO TRUST ME."







NEXT: FOREVER FALLS!

This Comic was
brought to you by

BATMITE

He had to cross
the dimensions to
bring it to you.

... Anyone who doesn't
like it will get hurt.

AH! THERE!
YOU ARE YOU LITTLE
CREEPY!